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SUBJ: VIOLENCE MARKS STRIKES

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1. SUMMARY. SIX PEOPLE WERE INJURED (LATER REPORTS ALLEGE TWO DEAD) AND TWO CARS BURNED IN SHOOTING INCIDENT BETWEEN NATIONAL PARTY AND EXTREME LEFT MIR YOUTH OUTSIDE CONGRESS BUILDING IN SANTIAGO THIS AFTERNOON, ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS; DOWNTOWN SANTIAGO REMAINS TENSE. PRES ALLENDE REJECTED RESIGNATIONS OF ADM MONTERO AND GEN PRATS FROM BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN POSTS. NATIONWIDE 48- HOUR STRIKE OF MERCHANTS AND MOST PROFESSIONAL GUILDS BEGAN THIS MORNING. THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS OF POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT OF TRUCKERS STRIKE. END SUMMARY.

2. UNUSUALLY TENSE AND RUMOR-FILLED DAY OF AUG 20 FINALLY ENDED WITH INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF NEW AIR FORCE CINC GEN GUSTAVO LEIGH (SANTIAGO 3695) AND STATEMENT BY PRES ALLENDE  
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REJECTING RESIGNATIONS OF ADM MONTERO AND GEN PRATS FROM

BOTH MINISTERIAL POSTS AND MILITARY POSITIONS. DURING CHANGE OF COMMAND, OUTGOING CINC GEN CESAR RUIZ CALLED ON FACH TO FOLLOW GEN LEIGH AND IN TURN RECEIVED WARM WORDS OF PRAISE FROM HIS SUCCESSOR. BOTH OFFICERS PUBLICLY ALLEGED THAT DELAY IN HOLDING CEREMONY WAS DUE TO REQUEST FROM FACH PERSONNEL AT LOS CERRILLOS AND EL BOSQUE AIR BASES FOR "CONVERSATIONS" WITH RUIZ ON REASONS FOR HIS RETIREMENT. RUIZ ALSO TOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR INITIAL AIR FORCE COMMUNIQUE, SUBSEQUENTLY DENIED, THAT FACH UNITS HAD CONFINED THEMSELVES TO QUARTERS IN SOLIDARITY WITH RUIZ (SANTIAGO 3677). RUIZ DENIED FACH HAD GONE THROUGH ANY "CRISIS," BUT ADMITTED THAT GIVEN "SPIRIT OF UNITY/ WITHIN FACH, IT WAS NATURAL THERE SHOULD BE INTEREST IN WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO ITS CINC. GOVT ACKNOWLEDGED NAVAL UNITS WERE INDEED CONFINED TO QUARTERS, BUT LINKED THIS TO RECENT SUBVERSION ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST NAVY RATHER THAN ANYTHING RELATED TO FACH. OPPOSITION LEADERS INCLUDING SENATE PRES EDUARDO FREI TOOK LINE THAT RUIZ AFFAIR SHOWED HOW ARMED FORCES ARE BEING MANIPULATED BY ALLENDE AND UP.

3. MOST PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, MERCHANTS, TECHNICAL PERSONNEL, AND OTHER GROUPS SUCH AS LAN PILOTS BEGAN NATION-WIDE STRIKES THIS MORNING, MOST OF WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO LAST 48 HOURS. SANTIAGO PROVINCE CUT LEADER MANUEL RODRIGUEZ (PDC) REAFFIRMED STRIKE CALL AMONG BLUE-COLLAR UNIONS, BUT DOUBTFUL HOW MANY WILL ACTUALLY STRIKE. RODRIGUEZ WAS SHARPLY DENOUNCED BY UP CUT LEADERS, AND RODRIGUEZ' HEADQUARTERS SUFFERED SERIOUS FIRE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN EARLY THIS MORNING. PDC AND PN ISSUED STATEMENTS STRONGLY SUPPORTING STRIKE. SHOOTING NEAR CONGRESS THIS AFTERNOON APPARENTLY DEVELOPED OUT OF NATIONAL PARTY YOUTH DEMONSTRATION BACKING TRUCKERS' WIVES, WHO REMAIN IN OCCUPATION OF CONGRESS BUILDING'S GARDEN.

4. SECOND ROUND OF TALKS EVENING AUG 20 BETWEEN GEN BRADY AND STRIKING TRANSPORT LEADERS RESULTED IN GUARDED OPTIMISM REGARDING POSSIBLE STATEMENT. LAND TRANSPORT CONFEDERATION PRES JUAN JARA TOLD REPORTERS TALKS HAD BEEN "POSITIVE" AND THAT HIS GROUP IS PLEASED BRADY APPARENTLY HAS AMPLE AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT. GOVT ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON INTER-PROVINCE BUS LINES AND THAT SERVICE WAS BEING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESTORED IMMEDIATELY.

5. RADIOS AGRICULTURA AND MINERIA, CLOSED FOR SEVERAL HOURS AUG 20 BY GOVT., RESUMED BROADCASTING EVENING AUG 20.  
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